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REMARKS

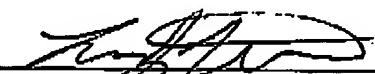
The pending Office Action addresses and rejects claims 1-11.

At the outset, Applicant thanks Examiner Truong for extending the courtesy of a personal interview with Applicant's attorney on January 27, 2005. During the interview, an agreement was reached that the claims, as amended, distinguish over the pending rejections.

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants if such communication is deemed to expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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